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MERMAIDS OF ATLANTIS

The Mermaid of the Magic Mirror

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24 stages of mind-blowing Bubble Puzzles.

Super non-stop excitement for gamers of all ages.

Radical Single or simultaneous Double player action.

Features intense graphics, excellent music, and enjoyable game play.

Legends of the Mermaids

Since the beginning of time, man has sailed the seas in search of riches and adventure. For just as long, there have been stories about the mysterious half-fish half-humans that make the ocean depths their homes.

These wondrous creatures are the Mermaids of Atlantis.

Some say the Mermaids are guardians of vast lost treasure. Others say they are mystical water demons, harbingers of disaster. Those that have actually seen them, tell stories of a noble water breathing race that have rescued sailors at sea and lead lost ships from certain doom.

Just as we have stories about Mermaids that are passed down from generation to generation, the Mermaids tell stories about us. They call us the *Akwakeys*, and tell tales of our huge wooden ships that float on the surface of the sea. The *Fable of the Magic Bubbles* is one such tale, but in order to learn the Mermaid's legend, you must learn to master the *Magic Bubbles* and *Mythic Plans*.



BASIC GAME PLAY

Playing "Mermaids of Atlantis" is easy. Bubbles of many colors come floating upward. You must fit the Bubble Clusters together so four or more Bubbles of the same color touch one another. When four or more of the same colored bubbles press together, the pressure inside the Bubbles increases causing them to pop.

Keep the bubbles bursting since in every space a Bubble gets stuck there is one less place to put the next Bubble Cluster, and they just keep coming. If you can't pop the Bubbles fast enough, the cave fills up, and the game will end.

It sounds easy, right? Get ready to enjoy all 24 mind-blowing stages of under sea excitement!

GETTING STARTED

Make sure the power switch on your control deck is turned off.

Insert the Mermaids of Atlantis cartridge into your NES console, carefully following the power up instructions in your NES user manual.

If the screen flashes on and off, the game screen looks garbled or the game will not play see page 13.

**From the title screen press
START to
begin a game.**



CONTROLLING THE ACTION

DIRECTION PAD

Moves the rising Bubble Cluster RIGHT or LEFT, and controls how fast the Bubble Cluster floats up. Pushing DOWN and pressing the A Button will release a Magic Bubble (see page 10).

B BUTTON

Turns the Bubble Cluster around horizontally (Turns Left to Right).

A BUTTON

Flips the Bubble Cluster vertically (Rotates upside down).

SELECT

This button is not used.

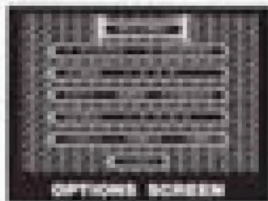
START

Press to begin a new game or to PAUSE a game in progress.



GAME OPTIONS

After pressing **START** to begin a new game you will see the **OPTIONS** screen. Move the Direction Pad **LEFT** or **RIGHT** to highlight your choice. Press the Direction Pad **UP** or **DOWN** to go to a different option on the screen. Press **START** when you are ready to begin the game.



Choose either 1 **PLAYER** or 2 **PLAYERS**.

Choose the **Stage** at which you wish to begin. The higher the **Stage** the more difficult the color combinations of the **Subsides**.

EXIT: This is a good place to stop because all **Subsides** are cleared after each stage.
STAGE: A **Subside** with a letter will be under control of **Subsides**. To get to the next level you must pass the **Subside** with the letter **B**.

The higher the **Level** number the faster the **Subsides** that appear.

Choose from any of 3 popular hit tunes from **Super Mario Bros.**
TUNE: "SUPER MARIO BROS. TUNE"
TUNE: "SUPER MARIO BROS. TUNE"
TUNE: "THE WONDERFUL SEASIDE"



EASY & HARD GAMES

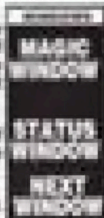


If you selected an **EASY** or **HARD** game your screen will look like this. As each Bubble Cluster rises you must rotate and fit it to matching colored Bubbles touch. You must pop 200 Bubbles to progress to the next stage. On the right side of the screen are three information windows.

The upper most window is the **WAGON WINDOW**. Each time you pop a Bubble with a letter in it, that letter will appear in this box. When you spell out the word **WAGON**, you will be awarded one **WAGON BUBBLE**. To release a **WAGON BUBBLE** press Down on the Direction Pad and press the **B** button at the same time. Read page 11 for more news about the power of the Magic Bubbles.

The middle status window shows the Stage you are currently playing, the number of Bubbles you have popped, the point value for each Bubble Cluster as it pops, and the total number of points that you have collected.

The lower window shows the next Bubble Cluster to appear.



NOTE: When playing a **2 PLAYER** game the information in the Status Window will be shown at the bottom of the screen. The Wagon Window and Next Window will not be displayed.

STACKED GAME

If you selected the **STACKED** game your screen will look like this. **STACKED** games are different than **EASY** or **HARD** games. The Letter Bubble is under a pile of Bubbles. To advance to the next Stage you must pop the Letter Bubble. There are no Magic Bubbles in the **STACKED** game.



The **Stacked** game is the most difficult game. A good strategy when playing a **Stacked** game is to concentrate on releasing the Letter Bubble at the top of the screen as quickly as possible.

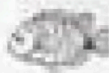
When a new game is started the player will have 3 credits. After a game is over play may be continued at the same stage until there are no more credits. The player must then begin a new game from the beginning.

NOTE: When playing a 2 PLAYER game the information in the Status Window will be shared at the bottom of the screen. The Magic Window and Next Window will not be displayed.

AIR POCKETS

AIR POCKETS are formed in the empty spaces between Bubbles that don't fit perfectly. One misplaced Bubble can cause many AIR POCKETS, and AIR POCKETS take up as much space as Bubbles. One way to get rid of AIR POCKETS is to remove all the Bubbles below it and expose the AIR POCKET to open water. When this is done the Air Pocket will dissolve.

If you're not careful AIR POCKETS will fill the screen faster than Bubble Clusters. Luckily, you can slide Bubbles into Air Pockets. When you pop the Bubbles you will also get rid of the Air Pockets.



MYSTIC PEARL

Sometimes during game play a MYSTIC PEARL will be part of a Bubble Cluster. The glow of the MYSTIC PEARL has magical powers and will change the color of the Bubbles around it to a single color.



Try to maneuver the Bubble Cluster so when the energies of the MYSTIC PEARL are released it will affect as many Bubbles as possible.

Plan the position of the MYSTIC PEARL carefully. The number of Bubbles popped can increase or decrease depending on the color the surrounding Bubbles change to.

MAGIC BUBBLES

Every time you pop a Letter Bubble the letter will be placed in the Magic Window at the top of the screen. After you have collected all the letters needed to spell the word **MAGIC**, you will receive 1 Magic Bubble. To release a Magic Bubble hold down on the Direction Pad while pressing the B-Button.



When a Magic Bubble is released it will float motionless at the bottom of the screen until the Bubble Cluster has settled.

The first thing a Magic Bubble does is remove all Air Pockets. This will cause all Bubbles to settle and should cause some Bubbles to pop. The remaining Bubbles will begin to pulsate with energy and change colors. If you're lucky this will cause even more Bubbles to pop.

There is no indication on screen for Magic Bubbles. It's up to you to remember how many you have collected.

HELPFUL HINTS

When you release a MAGIC BUBBLE it will not unleash it's magic until you have positioned the last Bubble Cluster. Remember to use your MAGIC BUBBLES before it is too late.

There is a secret way to keep track of how many MAGIC BUBBLES you have. Can you figure out how?

When the Bubbles are rising very fast you can slow them down by constantly moving them from side to side.

Plan several moves ahead and watch what the next Bubble Cluster will look like. Think about where the next Bubble Cluster should go and take control of the situation. Don't be on the defensive and let the Bubbles control you.



PRECAUTIONS

- * Do not store cartridge in very hot or cold places. Never hit or drop.
- * Do not take apart.
- * Do not touch connectors; do not get them wet or dirty. Doing so may damage game.
- * Do not clean with benzene, paint thinner, alcohol or other such solvents.

WARNING

DO NOT USE WITH FRONT OR REAR PROJECTION TV

Do not use a front or rear projection television with your Nintendo Entertainment System. Your projection television screen may be permanently damaged if video games with stationary images or patterns are played on your projection television. Similar damage may occur if you leave your game in PAUSE mode. If you use your projection television with NES games, American Video Entertainment, Inc. will not be liable for any damage. This situation is not caused by your NES or by American Video Entertainment games; other fixed or repetitive images may cause similar damage to a projection television. Please contact your television manufacturer for further information.

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KEEPING YOUR CONSOLE CLEAN

If your cartridge will not work, produces garbled characters or causes your television screen to flash on and off you probably have a dirty internal connector (the slot where your game cartridge plugs into the NES console).

The Nintendo Entertainment System™ uses what is called a zero insertion force connector. Although this eliminates wear and tear on your NES and cartridges, to work properly it requires cleaning on a regular basis. Cleaning this connector is easy, all you need is a cleaning kit. Cleaning kits are made by Nintendo™ as well as other manufacturers and they can be purchased anywhere you buy or rent video games.

Do not be tempted to blow on the gold fingers at the end of the cartridge. This further contaminates the internal connector.

Should you have any questions, please call our toll free 800 number and one of our game counselors will be happy to assist you.

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1(800) HOT-4-NIE that's 1(800) 468-4283

CLEANING YOUR NES™ Page 13

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In the beginning, since the first Nintendo video game was sold, each cartridge and NES has contained a patented lock-out chip.

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Graphics: NEA NES/NEA W NES 1 2 3 4 5 Overall Rating: NEA NES/NEA W NES 1 2 3 4 5

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Krazy Kreations

When you're looking for a game that's both fun and challenging, look no further than Krazy Kreations. This game is a real brain-bender, and it's the only one of its kind. It's a fast-paced, action-packed game that's sure to keep you entertained for hours on end.

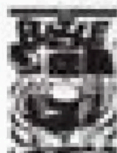
Tiles of Fate

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Pyramid



Puzzle

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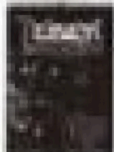


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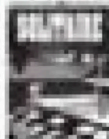
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